

## House Resolution No. 258

**Whereas**, Alex A. Cooper, Sr., of Hayti, Missouri, will commemorate his Seventy-fifth Birthday with a special celebration on February 15, 2008, at the Hayti Community Center; and

**Whereas**, on February 15, 1933, in Hayti, God brought a special gift to Roy and Louise Black Cooper with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Alex, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating his birthday, Alex Cooper will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as his marriage to Arthur Louise Watson Cooper (deceased) and the births of their offspring; and

**Whereas**, Alex Cooper has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include his children, Janice Louise Cooper Hall, Alex A. Cooper, Jr., Vicki Renea Cooper (deceased), Alvin A. Cooper (deceased), Calvin Cooper, Shirley Kathreyn Cooper-Sanders, William Arthur Cooper, and Leslie Nicole Cooper (deceased); fourteen grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, now retired, Alex Cooper has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes serving as an elementary school principal in the Rives School District; a Korean war veteran of the United States Army; Vice Mayor of Hayti Heights; Director of Manpower Programs at DAEOC, DELMO Housing, and the Migrant Health Programs; a Consultant for black farmers in the Bootheel of Missouri for the case of Pinkford vs. Glickmon; and a Lay Pastor of St. Luke United Methodist Church; and

**Whereas**, the author of An Anecdotal History, Alex Cooper has also enjoyed recognition as a member of St. Luke United Methodist church, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge, and Historian of Bootheel of Missouri; and

**Whereas**, at the respectable age of 75, Alex Cooper is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Alex Cooper at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Alex A. Cooper, Sr.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Terry Swinger  
District No. 162

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 258, adopted January 28, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker